A popular Chinese romantic tale!

Huaqing Afterglow

Curious Tales of Yan Gui-fei in CHINA*

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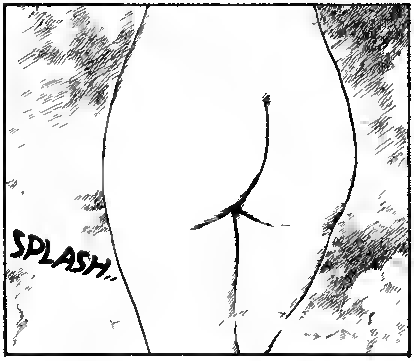
Kaiyuan** 28 (740)

Huaqing Hot Springs Palace at Mount Li

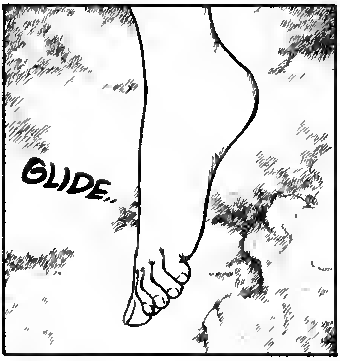
*Note on Yan Guifei: A high-ranking imperial consort ("gui-fei" is a rank of imperial consort). Also known as Yan Yuhuan. One of the Four Beauties of ancient China.

**Note: A Chinese era, 713-741

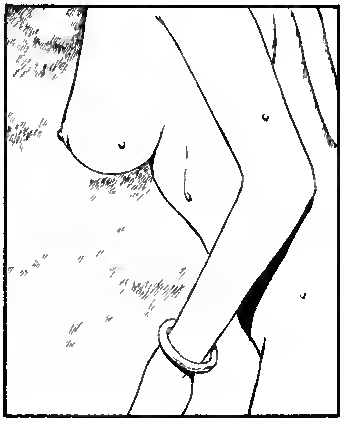
Concubine's Pool

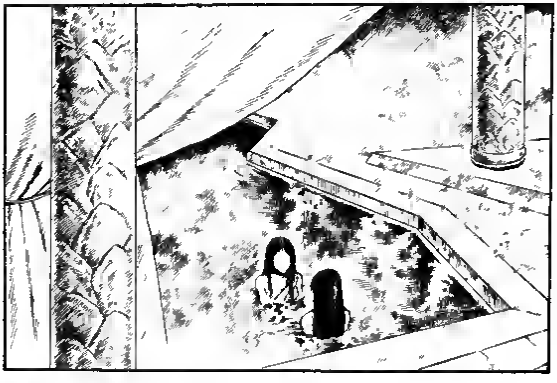


"Would you humble yourself to bathe with one such as I?"

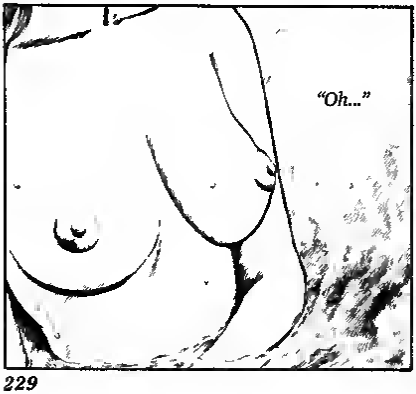


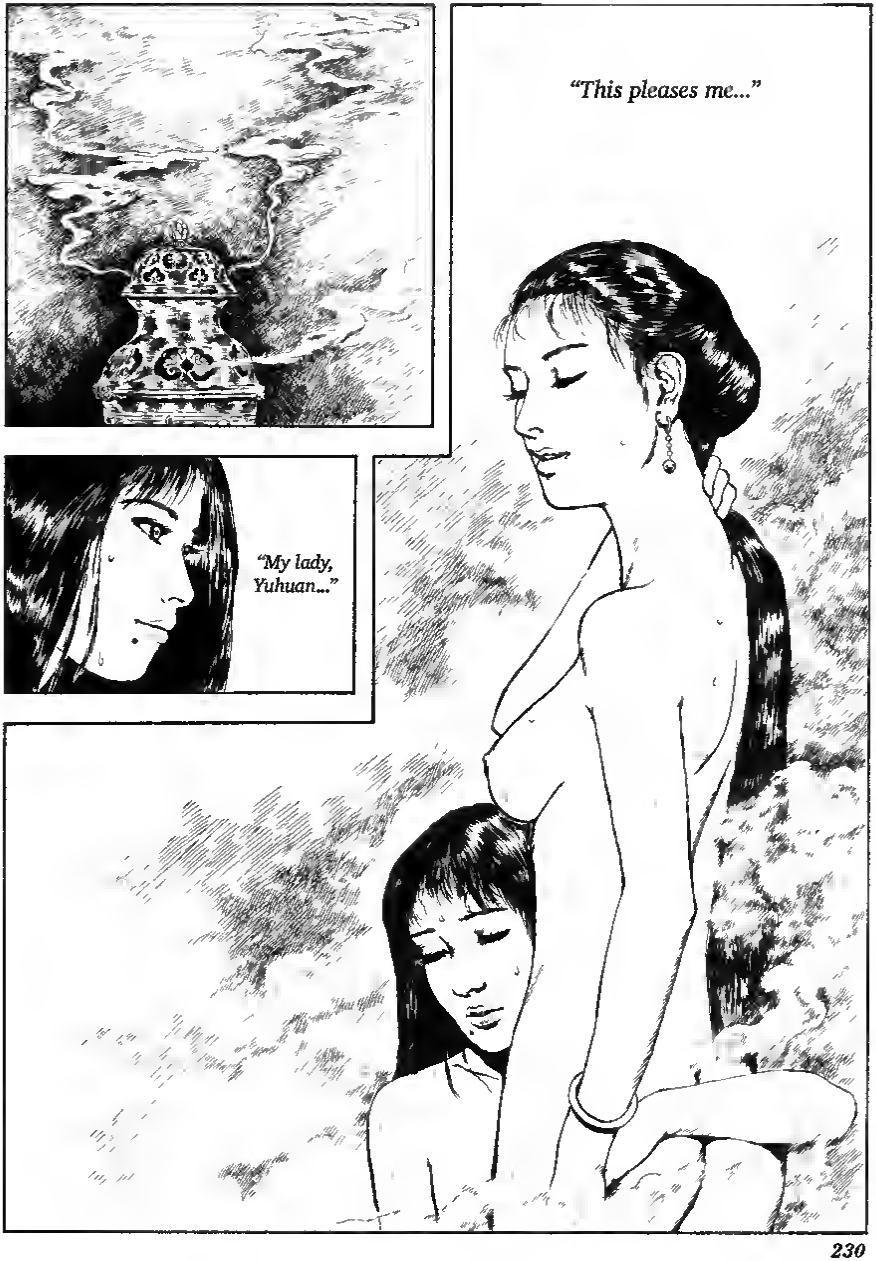
"You needn't fret over it."





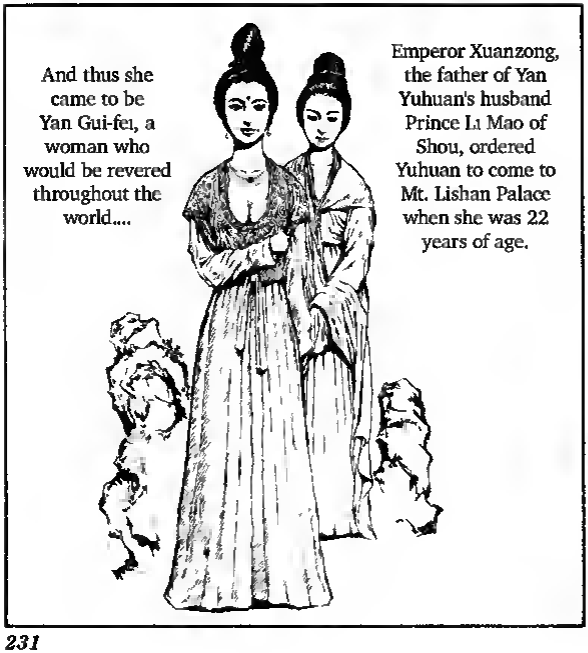
"You may be at ease .."




"This pleases me..."
"My lady, Yuhuan..."

to be together for all of our days...

"Let us vow


And thus she came to be Yan Gui-fei, a woman who would be revered throughout the world....
Emperor Xuanzong, the father of Yan Yuhuan's husband Prince Li Mao of Shou, ordered Yuhuan to come to Mt. Lishan Palace when she was 22 years of age.

even if the emperor should discover us..."

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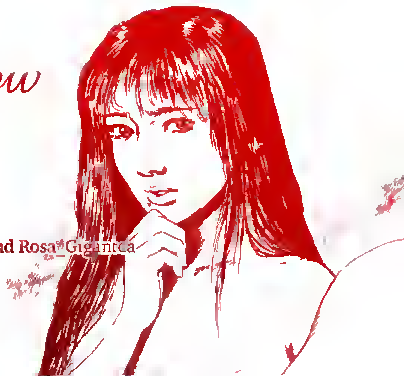

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